

Mayor Insalaco, City Council Accomplishments Noted

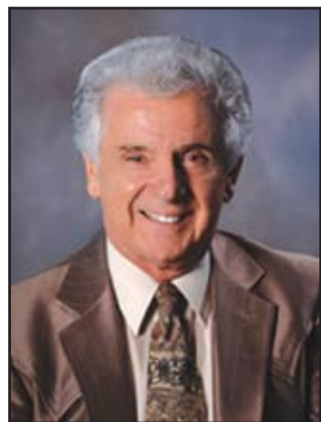
Work plan discussed at June 1 meeting

Mayor John Insalaco said he is proud of the accomplishments the City Council made during fiscal year 2009-2010.

During their June 1 regular session, Insalaco and the council reviewed a presentation by Ruth Giese, assistant to the city manager, entitled, "City Council Legislative Work Plan Accomplishments—FY 2009/2010."

Topic areas that were highlighted included: Development of Community, Community Infrastructure, Public Safety, Internal City Issues, Economic Development and Revenue Development.

"Staff has been working relentlessly on important efforts in all areas of the community," Insalaco said. "Work goes on day after day and you think nothing is being done and then all of a sudden



John Insalaco

there is a cascade of achievements and it all fits together. We must give staff and City management much credit for that."

In particular some of the reporting areas included:

- Development of Community—The proposed City General Plan, Public Spaces

in Downtown—Focal Point, a citywide Housing Survey, Enhancement of the Entrance to the City, amending Board of Adjustment Authority and amendments to various Zoning Regulations.

- Community Infrastructure—The Street Maintenance Plan, Reconstruction of Ironwood Drive, Neighborhood Traffic Calming, Construction of the Police Parking Lot Expansion, the Street and Transportation Strategic Plan and consideration of Bike Routes, Bike Paths, Trails and Sidewalks in the City.

Public Safety—Participation in Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program and the Pinal County Regional DUI Task Force, Enhanced SWAT Team and Traffic Unit, Expanded use of Volunteers, Initiated Business Watch Program and added Crime Mapping online services with updated department Web pages, while attending numerous community events.

- City: Internal Issues—Updated Personnel Rules and Employee and Volunteers Pre-Employment Checks, and Volunteers Program including Workers Compensation.

• Economic Development—Creation of a Downtown Revitalization and Implementation Strategy and an improved CAC Campus Expansion Plan, Economic Development Public Forums (2) and ED component of the draft General Plan, CGI Community Videos, ADOC/ADEQ grant for possible City Business Park, the SMMHC

Groundbreaking and a City Lead effort to Save Lost Dutchman State Park from closing.

• Revenue Development—Created a Corporate Partnership office, submitted 35 grants with 20 granted to date totaling \$2.4 million, and awaiting notification on 13 more grants totaling an additional \$1.4 million, also four grants submitted earlier were funded this year at \$414,157 while Stimulus Fund monies were received for 08/09 and 09/10 in the amount of \$2,688,514.

"I've never been prouder of this council's long-range visioning and ability to pull together and lead the City forward," Insalaco said. "We have accomplished much, but there is still more to be done."



Theresa's Celebrates 25 Years

Beauty salon has been in same location for quarter of a century



Theresa's Beauty Salon celebrates 25 years in business. Pictured, from left, are manager/stylist Sharan Crane, owner/stylist Sandra Oz, and stylists Julia Diguseppe and Cheryl Jones. Liz Mazure is not pictured.

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
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Celebrating 25 years in business, stylists at Theresa's Beauty Salon said they believe the key to their success is their atmosphere.

"There's a family atmosphere in here," said manager/stylist Sharan Crane. "We laugh. We joke. We have a lot of fun. It's not stiff. People like to come in here and have fun."

The salon, owned by stylist Sandra Oz, specializes in perming and coloring. Stylist Liz Mazure does Sunglitz highlighting.

"The rest of us perm or color," said Crane, who has been with the salon for more than 20 years. "We use European color which is really good for the hair. Our perms are top of the line."

To honor its 25 years in busi-

ness, the salon—which also includes stylists Cheryl Jones and Julia Diguseppe—is going to offer discounted haircuts. (See coupon page A-6.)

The client base are those 65 and older. "We have some who are younger," Crane said. "We do all ages from 1 years old to we have a lady who is soon going to be 95. We have several ladies in the 90s who come in here. They've been coming in here for the full 25 years."

During her 20 years with Theresa's, Crane has seen styles and techniques come and go.

"We've all grown with new information," she said. "When we get somebody new, and they may have worked elsewhere in different salons, they bring in new ideas. That keeps things interesting."

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